18 named as candidates for

Primary Legislative Elections

5 compete in race for top law enforcement position

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This year's Primary Legislative Elections will be held on November 9th & 10th, 2005. Also being held is the Menominee Tribal Chief of Police Election.

According to the Tribal Election Office, 21 Menominees requested nomination papers for Menominee Tribal Legislature. Only 18 filed their nomination papers before the deadline of October 3, 2005. Three did not file.

Six Menominees requested nomination papers for the Menominee Tribal Chief of Police. Five were certified as candidates for the for the Chief of Police Position.

Menominee Tribal Legislative members who's term will expire in February 2006 are Laurie Boivin, Michael Chapman and Laurie Reiter. All three incumbents are joining in on the

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Menominee lumberjack breakfast brings communities together!



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Community members and visitors from surrounding communities enjoy a genuine lumberjack breakfast.

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The Annual Lumberjack Breakfast was held at the Menominee Logging Camp Museum in Keshena, on Saturday October 1, 2005. This event celebrated Menominee Logging History and Natural Forest Products.

A genuine Lumberjack breakfast provided guests with eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes, and oatmeal. Maple Syrup, black berries and bacon grease were also served as condiments.

The breakfast drew a tremendous turnout. The community and visitors from surrounding areas experienced their meal in the cook shanty and bunk house while viewing historical videos of the old logging camp days.

The Master of Ceremonies for the day's event was David 'Jonsey' Miller. In addition to the lumberjack

breakfast, 13 natural forest workshops and displays of Menominee culture were provided throughout the day.

The natural forest products workshop agenda began with Ben Grignon. Ben Grignon has a special interest in clay pottery. He demonstrated wood fire clay making and shared with his audience sculptures he created.

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MTE Annual Business Meeting



Kenew Latender (center) votes in the MTE Board of Directors election while Mark LaTender (left) and little brother Shane (right) looks on. Voting took place at the MIMS on Saturday, September 24, 4005.

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legislative race for re-election to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. They will be competing against Rebecca Alegria, Apesanahkwat, Eugene Caldwell, Joan Delabreau, Judith Duquain, John Kaquatosh, Myron Pyawasit, Burnell Reiter, Margaret Snow, Mary Sullivan Menore, Regina Washinawatok, Bruce Wilber Sr., Bruce Wilber Jr., Betty Jo Wozniak, and Gerhardt Wychesit.

The six legislative candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the Primary Election will advance to the Final Election. The three legislative candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the Final Election will be sworn into office on February 9, 2006. Each will serve a term of three years.

In a 1984 referendum, Menominee Tribal members voted 701-147 to have the Chief of Police an elected position. The Chief of Police position is currently being held by Mark Waukau, Sr. who was elected last year during a special Chief of Police Election to fill the vacant term which expires February 2006. Waukau is seeking re-election and will face challengers Randal Chevalier, Robert Webster, Thomas Tousey and Nathalyn Tucker in the Primary Election for the top law enforcement position.

The two Chief of Police candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the Primary Election will advance to the Final Election in January 2006. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Final Election will be sworn into office on February 9, 2006 and serve as Chief of Police until February 9, 2009.

Again, this year's primary election will be held on November 9th and 10th, 2005. Voting will take place at the Fire Station in Neopit on November 9th and at the Gordon Dickie Building in Keshena on November 10th. Voting hours will be from 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. each day. Tallying of the votes will immediately follow after the polls close.

Final Elections will be held on January 18th and 19th, 2006. Voting will take place at the Neopit Fire Station on January 18th and at the Gordon Dickie Building in Keshena on January 19th. Again, voting hours will be from 10:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. both days.

For more information, please contact the Menominee Tribal Election Office at (715) 799-3446.

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Next on the agenda was Melanie White. She has been making black ash baskets for many years. She demonstrated the steps to making traditional baskets. Bill Koonz provided a birdhouse and bathhouse presentation. He also brought a variety of products to show. Dale Kakkak and David 'Jonsey' Miller presented on traditional foods. Dale Kakkak talked about Menominee History and the evolution of Menominee food sources. Jonsey talked about his experience with the Community Gardens Initiative. He brought samples of jerky, corn, and other foods to show.

Next on the agenda was mushroom cultivation with Joe Krawczyk. He helped his audience identify edible mushrooms and poisonous mushrooms. Both presentations concluded with a sampling of natural food products.

The Menominee Tribal School hoop dancers preformed a variety of dances. Hoop Dance teacher Becky Hawpetoss introduced the ladies. They did a beautiful job emulating butterflies, birds and other animals, as they maintained rhythm with the drum.

Rick Crow and Eugene Caldwell organized the Horse Shoe Tournament. Seven people participated. Champion Richard Hiller won a prize of \$35.00 in a winner take all competition. Karen Gardner demonstrated corn husk doll making. She explained how she became

interested in doll making and demonstrated her techniques.

Andy Warrington presented on the hand drum. He talked about the drum and showed the different steps to making a hand drum. He also shared some songs.

Dave Turney shared some of his knowledge on medicinal plants. He showed examples of number six (6), red clover, mints, golden thread, cedar, sage and many others.

Jan Malcolm presented on aroma therapy and essential oils. She talked about the different scents and the different healing properties within her product.

Orlin Webster shared his knowledge of creating beautiful rustic furniture and woodcraft products. He also displayed fine example of his work.

The highlight of the lumberjack breakfast and natural forest products workshop agenda was Fiddle and Jigging Music, provided by Lowell "Chopper" Waupoose and Irwin "Wimpy" Waupoose. Their songs were termed "lumberjack songs."

Also present were two local vendors, presented in part by Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community's arts and crafts initiative. Orlin Webster participated as a woods craft vendor. Margaret Snow and Yvette Snow participated as a beadwork and moccasin vendor, The days events ended with a raffle, in addition to door prizes drawings held throughout the day. A special congratulations to Rose Nahwahquaw on winning a beautiful pendelton blanket.

Other grand prize raffle winners were: Ron Bowan (Food Dehydrator and Owl Lawn Ornament), B.J. Weso (Pottery), Wendy Boivin (Little Horse Amusement Book and Sharing Indigenous Wisdom C.D.), Eileen Schultz (large crock pot), Tudy Wilber (Weed Eater and small crock pot), James Reiter (umbrella chair and planters) and Rebecca Warrington (large tool box and screw driver set).

The Lumberjack Breakfast and Natural Forest Products Workshops were sponsored by the Menominee Historic Preservation Department, Menominee Casino/Bingo/Hotel and Northwoods Niijii Enterprise Community, Inc.

Many contributions were made that made this event a success: Ace Hardware, Associated Bank, Body Essentials, Bouwer Printing, College of Menominee Nation (Sustainable Development Institute), Community Gardens Program, Country Store, Co-Vantage Credit Union, Drier Pharmacy, Fades 'N Braids, Rivermart, Menominee Indian High School, Menominee Tribal Clinic Wellness Program, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Mohican North Star Casino, NEW Promotions and Apparel, Pick 'N Save, Qualheim's Hardware, Spirit of the Northwoods and Waubano Trading Post.

This event would not have been possible without community volunteers: Roberta Reiter, Yvette Snow, Wilmer Peters Jr., Regina Washinawatok, Louis Kakwitch, Dale Kakkak, Sherri Denning, Becky Warrington, Jonsey Miller, Donna Powless, Ben Warrington, Liz Arnold, Sherri Lachapelle, Charlotte Caldwell, Mary Haack, Joyce Brunette, Marla Mahkimetas, Rose Shanandore, Eugene Caldwell, Richard Hiller, Kris Caldwell, Gordon Alegria, Diane Oshkeshequoam, Richard Crow, Robin Wastel, Daryll Teller, Dustin Oshkeshequoam, Noni Caldwell, Tracy Tucker, Jazzmin Caldwell, Antone Tucker, Cheyenne Caldwell, Melanie White, Aaron Dodge, Jamie Bentley, Chad Caldwell, Veterans of the Menominee Nation, Menominee County Highway Department and Menominee Tribal School.

The lumberjack breakfast and natural forest products brought together several hundred people from the community and the surrounding communities. Tribal member Eugene Caldwell stated "this was a super event, the most excellent event I've been to in a long time."